GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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TRANSFER OF CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES TO STATES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Centrally Sponsored Rural Development Schemes have been transferred to the State plan;

(b) if so, since when, the details thereof alongwith reasons therefor, Scheme-wise;

(c) whether the State Governments have been given the powers to decide on the priority and implementation of the schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Based on Zero-based budgeting exercise undertaken by the Ministry of RuralDevelopment in consultation with the Planning Commission, the National SocialAssistance Programme (NSAP) comprising the National Old Age PensionScheme(NOAPS) and the National Family Benefit Scheme(NFBS), along with the Annapurna Scheme, have been transferred to the State Plan from the year, 2002-03. The Funds have been released by the Ministry of Finance as Additional Central Assistance tothe State Plan and the States/UTs have requisite flexibility in the choice and implementation of the Schemes.